

--- “Series of 1883” - Ten Pounds - Blue - COUPON Stamps ---

Chris Ryan reports in the “Canadian Revenue Newsletter”, No. 41, of March 2003, that the 10 pound denomination was added to the Series prior to their introduction on July 1st 1883. It is thus possible that the early stamps may be found on *block watermarked* wove paper.

The catalogue lists the recess printed ten pound, blue, “Series of 1883” coupon stamps as follows:

- RM-292** - 10 pounds, blue, perf 12, on *unwmkd* vertical mesh wove - with 4 mm. red controls, *long wreath*, with nine ½ pound coupons, and an **188_** stub
- RM-292** - 10 pounds, blue, perf 12, on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove - with 4 mm. red controls, *long wreath*, with nine ½ pound coupons, and an **188_** stub
- RM-293** - 10 pounds, blue, perf 12, on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove - with 5 mm. red controls, *long wreath*, with nine ½ pound coupons, and an **188_** stub
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3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886)	John McKay records as ‘delivered’ 14,200 copies of “10 lb. Blue Coupon” stamps; printed by hand press.
4th BABN Contract (1886-1892)	John McKay records as ‘delivered’ 10,150 copies of “10 lb. Blue Coupon” stamps; printed by hand press.
5th BABN Contract (1892-1897)	John McKay records as ‘delivered’ 26,370 copies of “10 lb. Blue Coupon” stamps; printed by hand press.

--- The “theoretical” control number range on the 10 pound blue Coupon stamp ---

3rd BABN Contract - (1878-1886)	14,200	- 000001 to 014200
4th BABN Contract - (1886-1892)	10,150	- 014201 to 024350
5th BABN Contract - (1892-1897)	<u>26,370</u>	- 024351 to 050720
	50,720	

--- The “actual” control number range on the 10 pound blue Coupon stamp, as recorded to date ---

10 pounds, blue, on <i>unwmkd</i> wove, with 4 mm. controls	- 004326 to 021163
10 pounds, blue, on <i>unwmkd</i> wove, with 5 mm. controls	- 031056 to 050281

Considering the total of 50,720 printed, it is possible that they were all printed in Montreal under the 3rd BABN Contract, with the initial batches receiving the ‘Montreal’ 4 mm. control numbers, and that the final few batches received their 5 mm. controls subsequent to the BABN return to Ottawa in 1887.



--- the *long wreath* around the Queen’s portrait ---

--- RM-292 - Ten Pounds - “Series of 1883” - Blue - 3rd BABN Contract - 1883-86 ---

--- Recess printed on *unwmkd* vertical mesh wove - with 4 mm. red control numbers ---

--- Perforated 12 - 115 x 62 mm. plus nine ½ pound coupons, and an 188_ stub - scanned at 70% scale ---

--- With a type I long wreath around the Queen’s portrait - scanned at 200% scale ---

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--- The “theoretical” control number range on this 10 pound blue Coupon stamp ---

3rd BABN Contract - (1878-1886)

14,200

- 000001 to 014200

The collection *does not contain* the following copy of the ten pound blue coupon stamp, printed under the **3rd BABN Contract**. The following was listed at an earlier date, before the McKay records were obtained, and the stamp *is not* in the collection. I am not sure of the mesh orientation, and simply presume that it is vertical.

004326

RM-292

10 pounds, blue, perf 12, on *unwmkd* vertical mesh wove?

--- with 4 mm Gothic violet control numbering ---

All of these stamps bearing 4 mm. Gothic *violet control numbers* seem to come from the “Series of 1883”. In a similar parallel, all of the stamps with 5 mm. Roman light blue controls seem to come from the “Series of 1880-81”. I feel that these stamps were prepared by BABN for Philatelic Exhibitions early in 1880, and in the mid-1880’s. Some examples with *purple Gothic controls* are found in other denominations, printed on *block watermarked* paper, which indicates that these come from 1883-84.

There are a couple dozen other examples in the collection most of which came from the “Ferrari” collection purchased from Erling van Dam. None of the other stamps in the “Ferrari” collection dated from later then 1900. It was a very early collection. It is possible that these stamps came from special ‘presentation’ sets prepared for noted philatelists.



★ 10 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, violet 4 mm. Gothic control 7 8 7 5 1, on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove, *long wreath*

--- RM-292 - “Series of 1883” - Ten Pounds - BLUE - 4th BABN Contract - 1886-92---

--- Recess printed on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove - with 4 mm. red control numbers ---

--- Perforated 12 - 115 x 62 mm. plus nine ½ pound coupons, and an 188_ stub - scanned at 70% scale ---

--- With the *long wreath* around the Queen's portrait ---

The catalogue lists the recess printed ten pound, blue, "Series of 1883" coupon stamps as follows:

RM-292 - 10 pounds, blue, perf 12, on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove - with 4 mm. red controls, *long wreath*, with nine ½ pound coupons, and an 188_ stub

--- The "theoretical" control number range on this 10 pound blue Coupon stamp ---

4th BABN Contract - (1886-1892)

10,150

- 014201 to 024350



★RM-292 CP - 10 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWCS, on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove, with 4 mm. control number 021160, *long wreath*, with nine 1/2 pound coupons, and an 188_ stub - stamped CANCELLED in 3 mm. Gothic letters

021156★

RM-292

10 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove

021160★

RM-292 CP

10 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWCS, on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove, stub dated 188_, stamped CANCELLED in 3 mm. Gothic

021163

RM-292

10 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove



★RM-292n - 10 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWCS, on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove, without control numbering, *long wreath* -with nine 1/2 pound coupons, and an 188_ stub

--- RM-293 - "Series of 1883" - Ten Pounds - Blue - 5th BABN Contract - 1892-97 ---

--- Recess printed on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove - with 5 mm. red control numbers ---

--- Perforated 12 - 115 x 62 mm. plus nine ½ pound coupons, and an *188*_ stub - scanned at 70% scale ---

--- With the *long wreath* around the Queen's portrait ---

The catalogue lists this recess printed ten pound, blue, "Series of 1883" coupon stamp as follows:

RM-293 - 10 pounds, blue, perf 12, on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove - with 5 mm. red controls, *long wreath*, with nine ½ pound coupons, and an *188*_ stub

--- The "theoretical" control number range on this 10 pound blue Coupon stamp ---

5th BABN Contract - (1892-1897)

26,370

- **024351** to **050720**



★ **RM-293** - 10 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove, with 5 mm. control number **050281**, *long wreath* - with nine 1/2 pound coupons

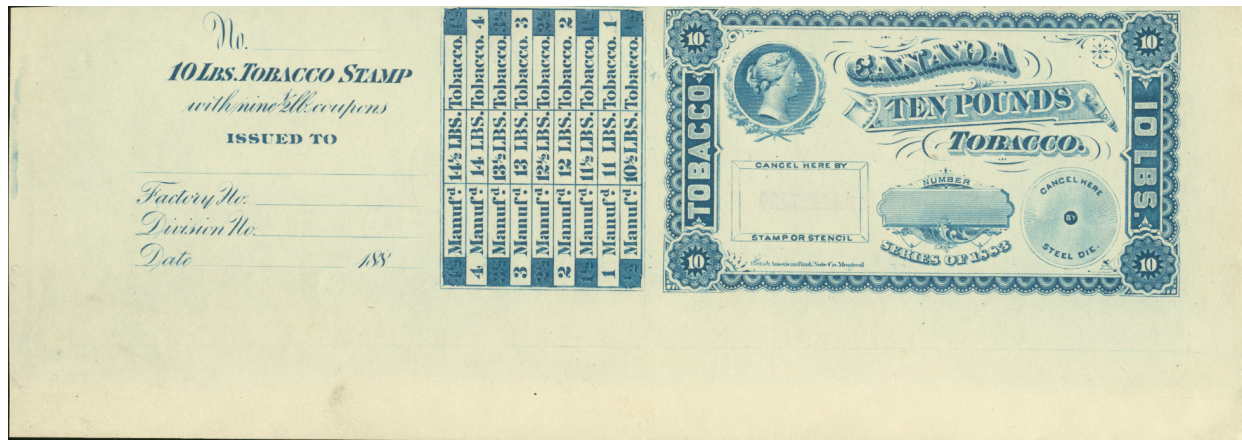
031056	RM-293	10 pounds, blue, perf 12, clipped at 12 pounds, on <i>unwmkd</i> wove
050276 ★	RM-293	10 pounds, blue, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh wove
050281 ★	RM-293	10 pounds, blue, perf 12, CWC, on <i>unwmkd</i> horizontal mesh wove

Considering that only 50,720 were printed, it is possible that all were printed as a single batch in Montreal under the **3rd BABN Contract**, with the initial copies receiving the 'Montreal' 4 mm. control numbers, and that remnants received their 5 mm. controls at Ottawa subsequent to the BABN return in 1887. I doubt that the any will be found with an *189*_ stub.

--- Plate proofs - Ten Pounds - "Series of 1883" - Blue - 3rd BABN Contract - 1883-86 ---



★RM-292 PP - 10 pounds, blue, CWC, a plate proof on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh heavy wove, *long wreath*



★RM-292 PP - 10 pounds, blue, CWCS, a plate proof on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh heavy wove, *long wreath* - with nine 1/2 pound coupons, and an **188** stub - scanned at 60% scale

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